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Gentlemen:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss matters at the Wednesday meeting.

I echo Chief Swing's urging that the objective be defined. As the Cheshire Cat advised Alice, *"If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there."*

If the objective is 'anything to save a life', then MHPD should promptly issue CCWs. US armed citizens prevent over 300,000 violent incidents per year using conservative estimates of defensive gun uses (DGU). Drs. Kleck and Lott estimate 2.5 million DGUs per year. The FBI's Active Shooter Incidents (2016-2017) report extols armed citizen interventions and credits their engagements in stopping 6 incidents during the two year period. "Their selfless actions saved many lives."

There are many more interventions that don't meet the FBI's criteria such as the one in Florida a few days ago.

Attached in Word & PDF formats are 25 proposals that I inadvertently neglected to bring to the meeting. All are evidenced-based and am happy to provide supporting data. Please note: these are my views and are not necessarily supported by others. However, they are broadly supported among firearms owners that have reviewed them. Also attached in Word and PDF formats are comments on the proposals distributed at the meeting. These have not been reviewed by others.

Please let me know how I may help to make the community safer.

Attachments: total of four - two each in Word and PPDF formats

Best,
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